

**Minutes of a Special Emergency Session of the Common Council of the Town of
Clarkdale
Held on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at Time 1:00 P.M.**

A Special Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 3:00 P.M. in the Clark Memorial Clubhouse, Men's Lounge, 19 N. Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Von Gausig called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Town Council:

Doug Von Gausig
Richard Dehnert
Bill Regner
Scott Buckley
Debbie Hunseder

Town Staff:

Tracie Hlavinka
Mary Ellen Dunn

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN OF CLARKDALE'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 THREAT - Discussion and possible action regarding Town staff directives and community recommendations from Council regarding the COVID-19 developments, procedures and related processes.

On March 18, 2020, Mayor Von Gausig signed an Emergency Declaration following the Arizona governor's declaration and recommendations considering the COVID-19 pandemic conditions. That declaration serves as an alert and application to the federal government and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funding if conditions are beyond the control of the resources available to the Town.

Council should discuss directives to staff and recommendations to citizens to assist in moving forward during this crisis. Social distancing and best business practices, service and hospitality industry recommendations, and Town staff attendance and assistance may be appropriate topics for discussion and direction.

Town Manager Hlavinka provided background and updated information to Council on COVID-19. Following the Mayor's Declaration of Emergency:

- All businesses in Clarkdale have been contacted and provided Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and recommended them to adhere to these;
- the Verde Canyon Railroad will host its last ride on Saturday;
- Town staff have been told that those who have laptops may work from home (VPN or My PC are available for work-at-home staff);

- Information has been posted on home page of Town website, and citizens should check website and social media page for updates;
- essential services are in place;
- The Town is under Code Yellow (social gatherings, facility rentals and events have been cancelled;
- As of 10 a.m. Yavapai County states that we are at 44 confirmed cases in Arizona.

Mayor Von Gausig stated that part of the Proclamation could have included closing businesses however the Town has decided not to take that step yet but rather limit exposure by taking appropriate steps.

Hlavinka informed Vice Mayor Dehnert that local bars and restaurants are limiting seating ratios to provide recommended space between tables and all are allowing for takeout. Condiments have been taken off tables, sanitized and customers may request specific condiments.

Councilmember Buckley stated that his restaurant has a regimented disinfection routine of all surfaces and areas that have potential for human contact.

Action: This is a discussion only and no action is required.

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION – Discussion and possible action regarding a Proclamation Addressing COVID-19 issues and directives.

Town of Clarkdale Code § 2-2-3(F) empowers the Mayor to govern by a proclamation and impose regulations to maintain peace and order. Mayor read the proclamation.

Action: Approve the COVID-19 Emergency Proclamation

Motion: Councilmember Buckley

Second: Councilmember Hunseder

Vote:

Voting Member	Aye/Nay
Council Member Scott Buckley	Aye
Vice Mayor Richard Dehnert	Aye
Council Member Debbie Hunseder	Aye
Council Member Bill Regner	Aye
Mayor Doug Von Gausig	Aye

Mayor von Gausig opened to public comment:

John Hecht, Cottonwood Journal Extra – asked what changes may happen in the future? Mayor Von Gausig noted that the situation was a fluid and dynamic one and if higher exposure occurs we would consider closures of businesses and other more stringent measures.


ADJOURNMENT: Without objection Mayor Doug Von Gausig adjourned the meeting at 1:30 P.M.

APPROVED:



Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

ATTESTED/SUBMITTED:




Mary Ellen Dunn, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Clarkdale, Arizona held on the 19th day of March, 2020. I further certify that meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2020.

SEAL



Mary Ellen Dunn, Town Clerk